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when he said that this law is broken. I think this law has a few cracks and fissures in it, but I don't think it's broken. And I think there has been an acknowledgement by the supporters of this act that there need to be some adjustments in it and, in fact, over the years, over the last few years, there have been a number of bills introduced into the Government Committee to make those kinds of changes to the CFLA, and never once was...were those bills allowed to pass. So I think that if people are serious about wanting to see changes made, then we need to take that under consideration. I do appreciate Senator Bromm's remarks. I think that they were right on. I don't think that we could very easily or logically suspend the Campaign Finance Limitation Act right now because we are in the middle of an election cycle, and there have been candidates who have filed based on the law as it is now, and I think we might get ourselves into real trouble if we tried to suspend the act immediately, anyway. We could perhaps suspend it effective at the end of November, but I would suggest to you that Senator Bromm's other suggestion might be better, that we establish some kind of a task force or committee that would look into the act, and you could have both sides of the question represented on that task force. I think Senator Beutler, if I'm not mistaken, has an amendment later on the bill that would do that very thing. I think that that should be a serious consideration when we meet again tomorrow to discuss the bill, as I presume that we will, although I don't know that for certain. So I would just say that I think there is a way out of this disagreement and that we ought to take it, and that we ought to be carefully thinking about it before we come back tomorrow to LB 762. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, January 28.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 479 to